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SUBJECT: UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW
RESPONSE

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(SBU) As per reftel, post contacted the Malian Human Rights Association (AMDH) and the local chapter of Amnesty International. Both reported that they were aware of the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review mechanism. They were unaware, however, that they were eligible to participate directly in the review process. As a result, both the AMDH and local Amnesty chapter forwarded their input on the human rights situation in Mali to their respective headquarters associations in Europe. Representatives of AMDH and Amnesty in Bamako indicated that they would have preferred to submit their information directly to the UN but did not believe that this was feasible at the time their input was due.

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